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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION ON IRAQ, MARCH 16, 2004

1. Editorial on front-page corner of Tegucigalpa-based moderate daily "El Herald" on 3/16 entitled "Mending errors." "As El Herald warned when it was decided to send troops, the continuing terrorist attacks and the announcement of the withdrawal of the Spanish troops from Iraq have shown that the government made a poor decision by sending Honduran troops to help the U.S. maintain their occupation in Iraq. We wish this lamentable error could be mended as soon as possible."

Palmer